

House Resolution No. 127

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Lessie Allene Johnston Payne Bills of Holts Summit, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Eightieth Birthday on January 15, 2005, at Cedar Grove Baptist Church; and

Whereas, on January 24, 1925, in Jefferson City, God brought a special gift to Henry Earl and Verna Belle (Balven) Johnston with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Lessie, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Lessie Bills will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as being married to Roy John Edward Payne (deceased) and finding love a second time when she wed Loyd Elvin Bills on April 12, 1947; and

Whereas, God has blessed Lessie Bills with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include twelve nieces and two nephews; and

Whereas, a devoted wife and exemplary homemaker, Lessie Bills further distinguished herself as a bookkeeper with Tweedie Footwear and Employment Security; and

Whereas, Lessie Bills has also enjoyed recognition by being her high school's Salutatorian, a church clerk, a Sunday school teacher, an Election Judge, and a member of the Holts Summit Homemakers Club and the Holts Summit Lions Club; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 80, Lessie Bills is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Lessie Bills at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri octogenarian Lessie Allene Johnston Payne Bills, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Danie Moore
District No. 20

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 127, adopted January 14, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker